

REMARKS

Claims 46 and 47 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-13 and 15-17 are currently pending in the application.

In the July 22, 2010 Office Action, claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikemoto, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,372,410). Claim 46 has been cancelled herein, without prejudice, thereby obviating this rejection.

Further, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-13 and 15-17 were allowable (see the July 29, 2010 Office Action, p. 6).

Request for Rejoinder Reminder

Applicants previously requested rejoinder of method claims 18, 20, 25-31, 33, 35, and 39-43 upon allowance of the composition claims 1-13, and 15-17.¹

Conclusion

Claims 1-13, and 15-17 are now in form and condition for allowance. If any additional issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 286-8090 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ Rejoinder was previously requested in the response to the August 12, 2009 Office Action, filed November 9, 2009.

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